



**LENTEN WORSHIP – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**  
**THE 3<sup>rd</sup> COMMANDMENT: “Remember that sabbath day and  
keep it holy”**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Holden Village Evening Prayer**

**Prelude: “Prayer of St Francis” Temple/Mossing/Holstein**

**Service of Light and Evening Hymn p. 2 - 3**

*Candles will be lit before the worship begins. Please follow the instructions of the liturgist.*

**Evening Thanksgiving p. 4**

**Psalmody p. 4**

*The liturgist is Group One and the congregation is Group Two.*

**THE WORD**

*The song is played through once before the congregation sings it.*

**Song of the Word: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” PD**

**Vs. 1: Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!**

**That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father’s throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known;  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,**

**And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:1-4**

Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail.<sup>2-4</sup> By the seventh day God had finished his work. On the seventh day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day. He made it a Holy Day because on that day he rested from his work, all the creating God had done. This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth when they were created.

**Song of the Word: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" PD**

**Vs. 3: Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!**

**Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless;  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His word and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 23:11-13; Deuteronomy 15:1-5**

Sow your land for six years and gather in its crops, but in the seventh year leave it alone and give it a rest so that your poor may eat from it. What they leave, let the wildlife have. Do the same with your vineyards and olive groves.  
<sup>12</sup> "Work for six days and rest the seventh so your ox and donkey may rest and your servant and migrant workers may have time to get their needed rest.  
<sup>13</sup> "Listen carefully to everything I tell you. Don't pay attention to other gods—don't so much as mention their names.

<sup>1-3</sup> At the end of every seventh year, cancel all debts. This is the procedure: Everyone who has lent money to a neighbor writes it off. You must not press your neighbor or his brother for payment: All-Debts-Are-Canceled—GOD says so. You may collect payment from foreigners, but whatever you have lent to your fellow Israelite you must write off. <sup>4-6</sup> There must be no poor people among you because GOD is going to bless you lavishly in this land that GOD, your God, is giving you as an inheritance, your very own land. But only if you listen obediently to the Voice of GOD, your God, diligently observing every

commandment that I command you today. Oh yes—GOD, your God, will bless you just as he promised.

**Song of the Word: : “Sweet Hour of Prayer” PD**

**Vs. 4: Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!**

**May I they consolation share,  
Till, from Mount Pisgah’s lofty height,  
I view my home, and take my flight.  
This robe of flesh I’ll drop, and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize;  
And shout, while passing thro’ the air,  
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!**

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 100**

**L: <sup>1-2</sup>On your feet now—applaud GOD!**

**All: Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into God’s presence.**

**L: <sup>3</sup>Know this: GOD is God, and God made us; we didn’t make God.**

**All: We’re God’s people, God’s well-tended sheep.**

**L: <sup>4</sup>Enter with the password: “Thank you!”**

**All: Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank God. Worship God.**

**L: <sup>5</sup>For GOD is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.**

**Gospel Song: “I Love to Tell the Story” #661 ELW Vss. 1 & 3**

**Vs. 1: I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

**Refrain: I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**Vs. 2: I love to tell the story, how pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God’s own holy word. Refrain...**

**Scripture Reading: John 4:19-24**

<sup>19-20</sup> “Oh, so you’re a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?”<sup>21-23</sup> “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God’s way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you’re called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.”<sup>23-24</sup> “It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly *themselves* before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.”

**Homily: “Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy”**

**Song of the Word: “O Worship the King” #842 ELW**

**Vs. 1: O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**Vs. 2: The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Vs. 3: Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Vs. 4: Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

## **HOLDEN VILLAGE EVENING PRAYER**

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**Postlude: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Mason/Raabe**